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Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office  
Action of July 16, 2002, Paper No. 15. A fee of \$930.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any  
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